

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2009**

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members:** Mary Miller, Janet Schofield, John Mercier, Chiara Dolcino, Glenn Mathews, Andrea Goldberg

**Staff Members:** David Gill, Chris Jacques, Doug Woodward and Ed Roberge.

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by RPAC Chair, Mary Miller

**New Business:**

David reviewed with the members the limits of the upcoming budget as it relates to possible CIP projects and that most projects will be moved to the out years of the plan. However, there is still a need to plan for the future and whenever possible try to find partners to help build new recreation facilities and parks.

**Kiwanis River Front Park:**

Ed reviewed the plans for new playing fields at the Kiwanis Park (Everett Arena). He reviewed the new boathouse location and indicated construction is now underway. The new park plan calls for two large rectangular all purpose fields to the south of the boathouse and possibility of a baseball field. The group discussed the needs of another baseball field and indicated a desire to have as large as possible rectangular playing fields. Ed, indicated there would be some parking lot changes to allow better access and control. Chiara asked if we could not pave the new parking area and Ed indicated he would consider it.

David indicated there are a need for more rectangular fields in the City especially ones that the Recreation Department can run programs and leagues on. Currently all rectangular fields in the spring are outfields of softball and baseball fields, which limit the types of programs his department can run due to existing agreements with the Little Leagues.

Ed also indicated the State owns land to the east of the park which may be ideal for walking trails, pavilion etc. Group agreed the city should talk with the state to see if they would be willing to allow the land to become part of the park.

The group agreed this location would be ideal for expansion which could include a lighted field as there is no housing around.

**Terrill Park:**

Ed reviewed the plans for Terrill Park. His plan calls for a large rectangular field with ample parking, bleachers and even lights. This plan will only be an option after the City has a new location for the snow dump. The group asked could this be the location of a turf field? Ed agreed it could be. Members focused their discussion around this being a possible location for a turf field. Several questions need to be reviewed:

1. Need more parking in the plan. Can a large parking lot be built on the old drive in movie theater location and then have walking trails under the bridge to the field? New field could host many state tournaments and will need ample parking. The location of the park makes it ideal for easy access on and off I 93.
2. Need bathrooms, concession building – maybe under the bleachers?
3. Great location for a lighted complex, again no housing around.
4. The current snow dump will need to be moved. Ed highlighted a plan to move the snow dump to another location.
5. Should/can this area be set up as an Enterprise Fund?
6. May need to look into moving the current dog park to the north end of the park to allow area for field.

The group was very excited about the possibility of recommending a location for a turf field. The group agreed this would be an ideal project for a public/private partnership with many of the youth leagues and the City. Glenn indicated there is a need for a turf field in Concord. David indicated over the past several months several leagues have indicated a willingness to help build an all purpose turf field. The group feels the community would come together to build this facility if the City would provide the leadership and the plan.

All RPAC members are very excited about this and indicated this may be the priority for park projects going forward. The group asked if Ed could redo the plans with the suggestion and bring back for the next meeting? Ed agreed to update the plans and research some of their questions

Meet adjourned at 6:20 pm

Respectively submitted by:

David Gill  
Recreation Director